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EVENTS, CONFERENCES, JOBS, NEWS OF INTEREST

SdeB Events

May 20 at 20:00: Betty Mahmoody will speak at a benefit for the Auberge Shalom Pour Femmes on Thursday, May 20 at 20:00. SdeB members may purchase at the Institute tickets for \$10.

News of Interest

Travail et soins aux proches dépendants, le nouveau livre de Nancy Guberman, Pierre Maheu et Chantal Maillé, est maintenant disponible. Ce livre est publié par les éditions du remue-ménage. Prix: 17,95\$ plus TPS. Voir le babillard "academic" pour le bon de commande.

Honorary SdeB Institute Fellow Jo Vellacott's new book, *From Liberal to Labour with Women's Suffrage: The Story of Catherine Marshall*, is now available from McGill-Queen's University Press. Cost: \$55.

The Loyola and Sir George Campus Bookstores as well as the Stationary and Office Supply Centre will be closed for the annual inventory May 27, 28 and 31.

Please note the the Reading Room Hours stated in the last Useful Information are effective until May 27. New summer hours will be posted at the end of May.

Jobs

UQAM, poste de professeur/e substitut à plein temps en analyse

du comportement en petite enfance pour l'année 1993-94, 1er juillet 1993. Faire parvenir votre c.v. avant le 14 mai.

UQAM, poste de professeur/e substitut à demi-temps en psychologie du développement pour l'année 1993-94. Faire parvenir votre c.v. avant le 14 mai.

UQAM, Département d'histoire poste de professeur/e substitut en histoire des États-Unis, 1er juillet 1993. Faire parvenir votre c.v. avant le 26 mai.

UQAM, Département d'études urbaines et touristiques, poste de professeur/e substitut en tourisme, 1er juillet 1993. Faire parvenir votre c.v. avant le 21 mai.

Conference

The Canadian Committee on Women's History invites you to a conference on Teaching Women's History: Challenges and Solutions from August 20-22 at Trent University. The conference will address the challenges of integration of race, ethnicity, class, sexual preference and gender into the high school and university curriculum. Contact Joan Sangster at Trent University for conference information

## CONFERENCES CONTINUED

The Women's Studies Research Unit of the Univ. of Saskatchewan will host a conference on "Teaching & Learning Liberation: Feminist Pedagogies" September 30-October 3, 1993.

### Upcoming International Conferences

La Fondation scientifique internationale des femmes (W.I.R.) en collaboration avec le Centre d'études et de recherches inter-européennes contemporaines (CERIC) organisent *Femmes, Nations, Europe: Nationalismes et internationalismes dans les mouvement de femmes en Europe*

(XIX ième/XXème siècle), les 13-15 Mai 1993 à Paris. Voir le babillard "academic" pour le formulaire d'inscription et le coupon-réponse.

delegations and an Non-Governmental Organization to which everyone is welcome. There is a heavy emphasis on governments to hold regional preparatory meetings in late 1993, early 1994 in preparation of the 1995 conference. We have requested a complete information package for this conference. The IRAW office number is (612) 625-2505, fax (612) 625-6351.

Note: Please refer to the "academic" board for non-governmental organizations (NGO) events in relation to these conferences. Names and addresses for further information for each conference are also provided.

1993: World Conference on Human Rights; June 14-25 in Vienna, Austria. This is the second conference on Human Rights.

1993: Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting (WAMM), July 5-9 Nicosia, Cyprus.

1994: Second European Feminist Research Conference: Feminist Perspectives on Technology Work and The Ecology, July 5-9, Graz, Austria.

1994: International Conference on Population and Development; September 5-13 in Cairo, Egypt.

1995: Social Development Summit, March 11-12, Copenhagen, Denmark.

1995: September 4-15 in China. International Women's Rights Action Watch (IRAW) has announced that The

1995 World/U.N. Women's Conference will take place September 4-15. This is a joint conference: There will be a U.N delegates conference to which governments will send



## **FROM LIBERAL TO LABOUR WITH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE**

**The Story of Catherine Marshall**

**Jo Vellacott**

Catherine Marshall was a vital figure in the women's suffrage movement in Britain before the First World War. Using her remarkable political skills on behalf of the major non-militant organization, the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS), she built close connections with major suffragist politicians, leading some, in all three parties, to consider adopting a measure of women's enfranchisement as a party plank.

By 1913 Marshall was uniquely placed as a lobbyist, with inside information and sympathetic listeners in every party. Through her the dynamically re-organized NUWSS brought the women's suffrage issue to the fore of public awareness. It pushed the Labour Party to adopt a strong stand on women's suffrage and raised working-class consciousness, re-awakening a long-dormant demand for full adult enfranchisement. Had the general election due in 1915 taken place, NUWSS financial and organizational support for the Labour Party might well have been substantial enough to influence the final results.

These impressive achievements were forgotten by the time Catherine Marshall died in 1962. Even recent research on the period has failed to show the full significance of the issue of women's suffrage, much less Marshall's part in the movement. Jo Vellacott's revealing account of Marshall's political work also includes vivid descriptions of a liberal Victorian childhood, a strangely purposeless young adulthood, and the heady experiences of women who, through the awakening of political consciousness, forged a lifestyle to fit their new aspirations.

"Vellacott's illuminating story tells of the life and work of a woman who made an important contribution to suffrage—and later to peace-activism ... and contains outstanding research on an important topic."  
*Deborah Gorham, Department of History, Carleton University.*

"The book's significant new contribution is its 'insider' perspective, based on the author's exemplary, definitive analysis of the huge archive of Catherine Marshall papers—a source never so thoroughly worked before ... The author is clearly the world authority on this material ... and her work is, in addition to its contribution to British political history, a real addition to the growing corpus of British women's biography."  
*Sybil Oldfield, School of Cultural and Community Studies, University of Sussex.*

"Vellacott's study of Catherine Marshall blends admirably the political history of the Edwardian period, surveyed until now almost exclusively from a perspective of males, with the new dimensions of women's history. All historians of Britain in the turbulent years before 1914 will welcome this compelling, fresh analysis." *Richard A. Rempel, The Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, McMaster University.*

**Jo Vellacott** is an Honorary Fellow at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University.

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